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***Raised Bill No. 6528***

LCO No. 3327

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL IMPLANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-491a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

3 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of  
4 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section  
5 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued  
6 in this state on or after January 1, [2000] 2010, shall provide coverage  
7 for dental implants, general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
8 services provided in conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day  
9 dental services if the following conditions are met:

10 (1) The dental implant, anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
11 services are deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral  
12 surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with  
13 the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of  
14 services; and

15 (2) The patient is either (A) determined by a licensed dentist, in

16 conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care,  
17 to have a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it  
18 requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B)  
19 a person who has a developmental disability, as determined by a  
20 licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that places the  
21 person at serious risk.

22 (b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
23 services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health  
24 insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental  
25 benefits under such policy.

26 Sec. 2. Section 38a-517a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

28 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
29 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-  
30 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in  
31 this state on or after January 1, [2000] 2010, shall provide coverage for  
32 dental implants, general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
33 services provided in conjunction with in-patient, outpatient or one-day  
34 dental services if the following conditions are met:

35 (1) The dental implant, anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
36 services are deemed medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral  
37 surgeon and the patient's primary care physician in accordance with  
38 the health insurance policy's requirements for prior authorization of  
39 services; and

40 (2) The patient is either (A) determined by a licensed dentist, in  
41 conjunction with a licensed physician who specializes in primary care,  
42 to have a dental condition of significant dental complexity that it  
43 requires certain dental procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B)  
44 a person who has a developmental disability, as determined by a  
45 licensed physician who specializes in primary care, that places the  
46 person at serious risk.

47 (b) The expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital  
48 services shall be deemed a medical expense under such health  
49 insurance policy and shall not be subject to any limits on dental  
50 benefits under such policy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-491a
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	38a-517a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide health insurance coverage for dental implants.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*